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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of  
the present reissue patent application, please enter the  
amendments and remarks set out below.

In the Claims:

Please add new Claims 12 - 22.

12. A temporary guardrail system for removable  
attachment to a building under construction, the system  
comprising:

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a plurality of upright stanchions;

an anchor bracket connected to a bottom end of each  
respective one of the plurality of stanchions;

a plurality of vertically spaced-apart side rails  
connected to each of the plurality of stanchions;

means for rotatably connecting said rails to said  
stanchions enabling each respective side rail to be rotated  
about a longitudinal axis of each respective stanchion in a  
horizontal plane and each respective side rail to be pivoted  
at varying angles in a vertical plane, said connecting means  
including a first threaded stud outwardly projecting from a  
top end of said stanchions in substantially axial alignment  
therewith enabling each of said upper side rails to be  
rotatably mounted thereon at various angles, said upper side  
rails being pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles by  
use of angulation means;

means for telescopically adjusting the length  
of each respective side rail enabling said temporary guardrail  
system to be adapted to dimensional features of different  
buildings under construction; and

means for selectively extending the vertical  
height of said guardrail system for employees performing  
specialized tasks requiring ladders and stilts adjacent  
thereto.

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13. The temporary guardrail system of Claim 12 wherein said swiveling means includes a pair of said studs arranged in parallel, spaced-apart relation thereon, said studs being disposed in perpendicular relation to said axis of said stanchion enabling a pair of adjacent upper side rails to be mounted thereon and pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles for installation of said temporary guardrail system on inclines such as stairs.

14. The temporary guardrail system of Claim 12 wherein said connecting means for said lower side rails comprises at least one rail support collar cooperating with an angulation means attached to each of said side rails, said at least one rail support collar being disposed about said stanchion and having at least one threaded stud outwardly extending therefrom and being perpendicular to a center axis of said collar enabling said angulation means of said side rails to be fixedly mounted on said at least one threaded stud.

15. The temporary guardrail system of Claim 14 wherein said angulation means of said side rails comprises a mid-rail, swivel bracket disposed on said on at least one threaded stud extending from said rail support collar, said

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mid-rail, swivel bracket including an elongated body member and further including swiveling means being adapted for pivoting movement in a plane parallel to the plane defining said elongated body member, said swiveling means of said mid-rail, swivel bracket including a threaded stud mounted in perpendicular relation to said axis of said stanchion enabling said lower side rails to be mounted thereon and pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles for installation of said temporary guardrail system on inclines such as flights of stairs.

16. The temporary guardrail system of Claim 15 wherein said swiveling means of said mid-rail, swivel bracket includes a pair of threaded studs arranged in generally parallel, spaced-apart relation enabling a pair of said lower side rails to be mounted thereon and pivoted in a vertical plane at varying angles for installation of said temporary guardrail system on inclines such as flights of stairs.

17. The temporary guard rail system of Claim 14 wherein a plurality of rail support collars are disposed about said stanchions at a pre-determined vertical location in an operative relationship between at least two rail stops.

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18. The temporary guardrail system of Claim 12 wherein said extending means includes a plurality of extension posts being adapted for sliding engagement about the outside diameter of said stanchions at the upper ends thereof, said extension posts including connecting means so as to permit attachment of a plurality of vertically spaced side rails thereon enabling the vertical height of said temporary guard rail system to be selectively extended to provide increased safety to employees performing specialized tasks adjacent thereto.

19. The temporary guard rail system of Claim 12 wherein each respective stanchion is fixedly attached to a ground anchoring means for installation directly onto a ground surface adjacent an excavation site.

20. The temporary guard rail system of Claim 19 wherein said ground anchoring means is fabricated from a heavy gauge, corrugated sheet metal material that is adapted to receive a plurality of anchor pins therethrough for securing said ground anchoring means directly to the surface of the ground.

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21. The temporary guard rail system of Claim 12 wherein each respective stanchion is adapted for installation on a roof anchoring means fabricated from corrugated sheet metal.

22. The temporary guard rail system of Claim 21 wherein said roof anchoring means is matched to the configuration of said corrugated sheet metal used in the construction of a roof.

REMARKS

It is believed that all of the claims are patentable over the prior art. Accordingly, after the Examiner completes a thorough examination and finds the claims patentable, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should the Examiner determine any minor informalities that

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